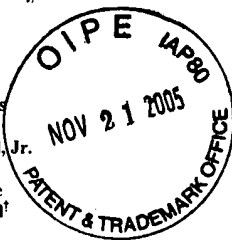


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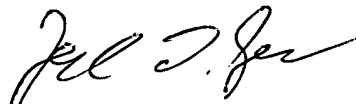
Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following items for filing on the above-referenced patent application:

1. Response to Office Action of September 22, 2005 with Certificate of Mailing; and
2. Acknowledgment card.

Please stamp the enclosed acknowledgment card with the date of receipt and return it to my office for our records.

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In response to the Official Action dated September 22, 2005, please amend the enclosed application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

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